



ORANJESTAD—A painting of Dr. Johan Hartog was presented to librarian Alice van Romondt and the staff of the Public Library. The painting is the work of local artist Evelino Fingal (extreme right). Dr. Hartog was in charge of the Public Library up to 1973 when he went on retirement. The painting was hung by Vicent Croes, who worked during Dr. Hartog's term.

Liberia Peters gets Colombia award; urges more ties with Latin America

BOGOTA, Colombia — Saying it "is a show of appreciation for the people of the Netherlands Antilles," Prime Minister Maria Liberia Peters yesterday accepted here the high Colombia civil order of "Gran Cruz de Boyaca" from President Belisario Betancur.

Liberia Peters, on an official state visit to Colombia on invitation of President Betancur, told reporters here today her visit must be seen in the framework of the government's efforts to broaden the ties with Antilles neighbor nations.

She said possibilities of more cooperation between the

Antilles and Colombia are ample as Colombia is rich in raw materials and seeking markets to expand exports. The Antilles, she pointed out, lack materials but have excellent ports and financial facilities with free access to the U.S. and the European Common Market.

"The nations of the Caribbean have...traditionally looked to Europe and the U.S.A. for their economic and political planning and direction, ignoring Latin America," she said. "It's time we realize our future is inseparable from that of Latin America."

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Repair Of Aruba Palm Beach Hotel To Start Soon

ORANJESTAD—Dutch development aid has made 4 million guilders available for the repair of the Aruba Palm Beach Hotel. In the meantime the Aruven is seeking a buyer for the hotel

Reportedly four groups are interested; a Venezuelan group, the owners of

the Tamanaco Hotel; the Dutch Ballast group; an American group; and the Belgian Safari group.

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